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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter No.: 95-54

OTHER HEALTH COVERAGE CODING PROCEDURE CHANGE FOR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION/PREPAID HEALTH PLAN EMERGENCY OUT-OF-AREA SERVICES

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (OBRA 93) mandates that health care service plans (including Health Maintenance Organizations [HMO] and Prepaid Health Plans [PHP]) must enroll children in the absent parent's health plan regardless of whether the children reside within the health plan's service area. There is no provision in OBRA 93, however, that requires the health plan to provide routine out-of-area coverage for medical services. Typically, HMO/PHP contracts cover only emergency care provided out of the service area by nonplan providers. Faced with the question of how to ensure maximum utilization of this out-of-area coverage without jeopardizing the children's access to care, the Department of Health Services (Department) will post-pay recover ("pay and-chase") claims for all recipients residing outside the service area of a private HMO/PHP, or who must travel more than 60 miles or 60 minutes to receive care.

Normally, a Medi-Cal eligibility record of a recipient with an HMO/PHP plan is assigned the Other Health Coverage (OHC) code "K"- Kaiser, "C"- Champus, or "P"- other HMO/PHP. In the past, if the recipient had to travel more than 60 miles or 60 minutes to receive care from a plan provider, the OHC code was replaced with an "N", denoting no other coverage.

As a result of the Department's decision to post-pay recover, effective December l, 1995, the "K", "C", or "P" codes are to be replaced with the pay-and-chase code "A" when the client reports he/she resides outside the plan's service area or must travel more than 60 minutes or 60 miles to receive care from the HMO/PHP. A Health Insurance Questionnaire (DHS 6155) must be sent to the Department, with the statement "Outside Health Plan Area" noted in question number 1, next to the insurance carrier's name.

The Department is currently developing the capability to bill the HMO/PHP for emergency out-of-area claims. Using the OHC code of "A" will facilitate the carrier billing. Providers will be advised that claims for recipients with such out-of-area coverage may be billed directly to Medi-Cal without proof of HMO/PHP denial.

If you have any questions regarding this new procedure, please call Ms. Chari Hug of the Health Insurance Section at (916) 327-0492.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Enclosure

HEALTH INSURANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Please provide all the information requested and return this form to your eligibility worker. Use and attach a copy of your insurance [illegible] membership card, or any other aid to help complete this questionnaire. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT. DO NOT ABBREVIATE. Additional instructions [illegible] information collection and access are on the reverse. If you have any questions about completing this form or require Spanish translation, call [illegible] 1-800 952 5294 (7 30 a m to 5 00 p m)

COMPLETE THIS FORM FOR ANY HEALTH INSURANCE, INCLUDING MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTS, PREPAID HEALTH PLANS, HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS, OR CHAMPUS. HAVING PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY. HOWEVER, FAILURE TO REPORT OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE MAY BE CAUSE FOR TERMINATION OF YOUR MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY.

	FOR COUNTY USE ONLY	STATE USE ONLY	
Case Name	Worker Number	Verified By	
Case Address	Date	Date	Initials
	Worker Telephone Number ( )	Date	Initials
Initial Intake ❑ Redetermination ❑ HIPP ❑	Optional Dist. No	Scope	CC #

SECTION I: Beneficiary Information. *LIST ALL PERSONS, INCLUDING UNBORNS, ON MEDI-CAL AND COVERED BY HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY*

					14-DIGIT MEDI-CAL NUMBER				
OHC	Beneficiary Name (First, Middle, Last)	Social Security Number	Sex	Date of Birth	Co. Code	Aid Code	Case Number	FBU	Pers No
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SECTION II: Health Insurance Information

1. What is the name and address of your health insurance company? Include street number, city, state, and ZIP. Do not use abbreviations.
   Name:
   Address:
   City, State, ZIP
2. Do you have to obtain medical services from a specific facility or a group of providers? (PHP/HMO/PPO) ❑ Yes ❑ No
3. Where do you send your claims?
   Name:
   Address:
   City, State, ZIP
4. What is the full name, address, phone number, and SSA number of individual, employee, union member, or person to whom the insurance policy was issued?
   Name — Social Security Number:
   Address: — Telephone Number: ( )
   City, State, ZIP — Absent Parent? ❑ Yes ❑ No
5. What is the policy number?
6. What are/were the dates of your policy? Beginning Date: — Ending Date (if applicable):
   ❑ Medical coverage available through employer, but has not been applied for
7. Premium Amount: $ — ❑ Monthly ❑ Quarterly ❑ Yearly
   How are premiums paid? ❑ By Insured to Insurance Carrier ❑ By Employer ❑ By Payroll Deduction
8. Give name of union, employer, group, organization, or school, address, and telephone number
   Name: — Local or Group Number:
   Address: — Telephone Number: ( )
   City, State, ZIP
9. Does any covered beneficiary have an acute, chronic, or pre-existing illness that requires him/her to see a physician? ❑ Yes ❑ No
   If yes, please specify the illness:
10. Does your health insurance provide or pay for: (Check all that apply.)
    ❑ Hospital Outpatient (i.e., lab work/ physical therapy) ❑ Prescription Drugs ❑ Long Term Care/Nursing Home
    ❑ Hospital Stays ❑ Dental Care ❑ Only specific illness (i.e., cancer)
    ❑ Doctor Visits ❑ Vision Care — Type of illness
11. Is the policy a Medicare Supplement? ❑ Yes ❑ No

Remarks

"By signing this document, I hereby authorize the Department of Health Services to obtain, if needed, any information regarding my private health insurance coverage, including payments and/or benefits for medical care made in my behalf, to be used in determining whether the Department will pay my private health insurance premium."

Signature of Applicant	Home Telephone	Work Telephone	Date
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RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: RECOVERY BRANCH, P.O. BOX 1287, SACRAMENTO, CA 95812-1287

Original—State Yellow—County File Pink (Extra Copy-District Attorney-Beneficiary)

DHS 6155 (10/90)